

City Manager's Monthly Report: August, 2025

Projects, Updates, Community Information, Staffing, General Operations

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES UPDATE

A partnership with Great Lakes Fusion for the shared rental of a large brush grinder is not possible. The company informed the city that it will be purchasing it's own equipment and that it would be willing to bid on a contract for services at the Aiken Rd site to process the brush and material that has accumulated there. The city will be releasing that bid solicitation soon.

On Aug 7, I attended the Owosso/Durand passenger rail stakeholder meeting for an update on the plan to extend passenger rail service to northern Michigan. The route currently runs from Detroit to Chicago with connections to Durand. While it is unlikely a station will be established in Owosso, an expansion of this service will benefit the county and region. This process has been going for some years now and funding for the physical work required has not been established just yet. If such funding becomes a reality, barring other delays and complications it's likely that within the next 10 to 15 years, northern Michigan passenger rail service will become a reality.

The summer concert series has come to an end. These events were very successful in no small part due to the Moonlight Farmers Market being held on the same nights at the same time as the concert series. With both local attractions, attendance far exceeded last year's events. We hope to continue working with the Market and the Cook Foundation to continue this next year.

On Aug 14, I attended the ribbon cutting for the new Big Brothers/Big Sisters office in the Armory. The event was very well attended for a ribbon cutting and free ice cream was provided by Huntington Bank in their new ice cream van for the event.

On Aug 18, I attended the monthly SEDP meeting. Regional updates regarding economic development and housing development were shared with the board and we are beginning the performance review process for the CEO.

On Aug 22, I hosted a meeting between EGLE and Lionbear regarding recycling in the city. As a member of the recycling workgroup, I met our regional EGLE representative for solid waste management and we expect a collaboration in the near future to kick off information sessions and the public input process for compliance with the recently amended Part 115 rules for communities like Owosso.

On Aug 25, The Finance Director and I hosted a meeting with MMRMA to discuss a potential policy change to make it easier for the city to hire special event vendors. With the proliferation of new events in the city, we want to create a friendly environment with vendors that enrich the experiences at our local events. Face painters, balloon tiers, and vendors that provide entertainment for children are a very attractive draw for people to come to our events here in the city. But sometimes our current policies make it difficult for such small operations to operate at these events when the city is hiring them directly. Brad and I are working to make this easier for future events like National Night Out (as an example).

The trail under the M52 bridge remains closed while MDOT gets quotes to repair the storm drain and damaged sidewalk.

The Washington St Bridge project is coming along as planned by MDOT. Updates can be found through MDOT's MiDrive website.

I will be asking that council schedule a 5th Monday meeting for Sept 29 to discuss recycling. Representatives from EGLE and the recycling workgroup will be there.

Project Name	Status		
r roject rtaine	BUILDING PERMITS – COMME	ERCIAL	
501 W. Main St.	Demolition of the car wash		
201 S Washington	Roof		
	MARIHUANA LICENSES		
GROW			
1. 1370 E South St	Medical/Recreational	Renewed – September 2024	
2. 1455 Industrial	Recreational	Issued – October 2024	
3. 1410/1420 Hathaway	Recreational	Pending	
4. 1750 E South St	Recreational	Issued - April 2025	
PROCESSING			
1. 1750 E South St Ste. 1	Recreational	Renewed – January 2025	
RETAIL			
1. 117 E Main St	Medical and Recreational	Renewed - October 2024	
2. 1115 Corunna	Medical and Recreational	Business closed – June 2025	
3. 200 E Main	Recreational	Renewed – May 2025	
4. 116 N Washington	Recreational	Renewed – January 2025	

STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE			
\$7.5 million request to rebuild nitrification towers at WWTP	Request submitted to Representative Begole to pay for three nitrification towers at the Wastewater Plant. One round of testimony was given at the EGLE budget subcommittee meeting. It is not clear at this time if more testimony would be requested before the House votes on the bill package for the budget.	Funding TBD	

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS				
123 N Washington project – estimated \$1.2 million CRP grant - 2022	\$4.7 million redevelopment of downtown building to include 11 new upper story residential units and a restored historic façade. This project includes local tax abatements. Funding Breakdown: Grants/Abatements	MSF Board Approved Grant Funding in Dec 2023. Owners pursuing historic tax credits. HDC approved CofA in		
	 \$403k - Brownfield (abatement) \$85k - OPRA (abatement) \$1.5 mil - CRP/MSF (Grant) \$145k - County Land Bank (Grant) Private/Developer \$2.6 mil 	November 2024. CofA rescinded by HDC in Jan 2025. HDC issued enforcement against owner for façade. In July, the HDC rescinded the		

	UPDATE: NPS has awarded tax credits and the proforma is being updated by developer. Cost of project has increased dramatically according to developer.	enforcement action and approved a new certificate of appropriateness.
Old Middle School project - 2022	Estimated \$18 million redevelopment to include 50-54 new residential units. This project will most likely include LITEC and historical tax credits. This project was granted a 4% PILOT for the life of the mortgage but only for the previous developer. The new developer will ask for a similar PILOT ordinance to be granted. The tax credit application was approved in April 2024. Construction commencement: TBD. OPS is working with SEDP to apply for land bank grant dollars to repair the roof. OPS is considering an extension to the purchase agreement with Venture.	4% PILOT approved. State tax credits approved. In Oct, 2024 Venture informed the city that project was on hold pending election results. Now they are saying that no one will invest in the tax credits needed to close funding gaps
Washington Park/Woodland Trails Housing Development Project - \$14,000,000 - 2024	This project will build 14 new condo units in the Woodland Trails development and 14-16 multi family units on the Washington Park site. The developer will be requesting a 24 year brownfield to reimburse them for infrastructure and other eligible costs identified in the plan. Infrastructure Work scope includes sanitary sewer with lift station, water main installation, and street resurfacing on Wesley Dr from Water to Washington and water main installation on Washington St from North to Wesley. Water main and sanitary sewer permits have been issued by EGLE. The city is in the process of obtaining a CDBG grant from MSHDA to fund the infrastructure. Bids were received on May 27, 2025 with contract award planned for July 2025, pending grant award. Construction is pushed back to September 2025, pending grant award.	Construction on homes started. City waiting for information from developers before a bid for the infrastructure work is awarded.
MEDC RAP Grant – Curwood Place – 344 W Main St - 2024	\$1,358,000 to rehabilitate upper story apartments. The owner has also shown interest in having a mural painted on the side of the building – possibly in partnership with SAC.	Awarded. OPRA approved by city April, 2024. Construction started.

PROJECTS/ISSUES OF PUBLIC INTEREST					
City Club Building (Exchange Street)	After an interior collapse occurred in June, 2023 a natural gas line was severed and repaired. The building official red-tagged the building and required owner to submit stamped engineering report detailing the building's structural integrity. Stabilization of front and rear walls complete. Owner and Engineer to present plan to Building department to clear debris and secure site. Historic District Commission issued demolition by neglect notice. Notice has since been lifted. Owner says he plans to apply for land bank grant to clean debris. Land bank did not receive completed application and funding was denied. Court order issued allowing city to remediate property since the owner	County land bank to bid the project. Total funding available \$178,000 through state land bank blight elimination.			

did not and entered a default judgement in the case. Land Bank have released the bid. Staff will be participating in the process and working with the county and their hired contractor for the demolition.

	Grants			
Grant	Amount	Status	Description	
Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund – 2024 (7497-01)	\$1,622,500	Awarded	Part of a \$3.4 million project, this state ARPA grant will help replace water main: N Dewey, Young, W Stewart, Grace, and Tracy St. Lead service lines in water main project areas and make improvements to the WTP: replace backwash pump, process piping, obsolete controls, communications equipment, and gravity filter improvements.	
Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund - 2023	\$1,033,750	Awarded	This grant will help with lead service line replacement, water main replacement, and well upgrades. It's part of a \$4,045,000 project to continue improving the Owosso water system. Water Main: North, Lee, Clyde, Lunn, Huron, Milwaukee. Lead Service replacements in water main project areas. SCADA upgrades at water treatment plant. Improvements to Palmer 3a and Juniper wells. Fishbeck water study. Remainder of cost will be paid with low interest SRF loans.	
Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund - 2023	\$1,412,500 plus \$5,300,000 loan forgiveness	Award – 2023	This grant plus loan forgiveness program will partially fund improvements at the wastewater plant to include: filter replacement, disinfection system replacement, electrical and SCADA upgrades, and solids drying. Total cost of the project is \$19,000,000. The remainder of the cost with be paid with low interest SRF loans. Project has begun. Old chlorine tanks removed and plant processes temporarily bypassed to facilitate construction.	
Railroad Grade Repair Grant	\$181,653	Awarded	This grant is from MDOT and will fund the replacement of the railroad crossing at S. Cedar Street.	
ARP Grant – Medicare/Medicaid/CHIP - 2021	\$80,708	Award Updated	The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), is making payments to providers based on the amount and type of Medicare, Medicaid, and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) services provided to rural beneficiaries from January 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020. Initial award was \$56,200. An additional \$24,530 was awarded in Dec 2021.	
ARPA Funding - 2021	\$1,510,000	Awarded	1 st payment received. Last payment will be received in 2022. Public online survey completed. Waiting on Council members to submit project application scoring to staff. \$750,000 has been allocated to water infrastructure.	
MSHDA NEP Grant - 2023	\$75,000	Awarded	Used to assist low-income home owners with eligible exterior home improvements up to \$7,500. Application being drafted.	
MSHDA MI HOPE Grant - 2023	\$105,000	Awarded	This grant program is designed to encourage and facilitate energy-efficiency focused residential housing repairs and upgrades to owner occupied homes and non-owner occupied single-family homes and multi-family properties consisting of a maximum of three total units within both rural and urban areas.	
DNR Grant for Holman Pool Building - 2020	\$150,000	Cancelled	Bids came back more than twice what was budgeted for the project due to increases in labor and material costs. The building will be used for storage.	

EGLE DWAM Grant - 2019	\$460,000	Awarded	Original work scope includes investigating 364 water service lines through the city, updating distribution system material inventory, and updating the water asset management plan. The project is funded by a grant from the State of Michigan. All addresses on the original list, change order no. 1 list, and change order no. 2 list have been hydro-excavated at the curb stop. Hard surface restoration is in progress.
EGLE Service Line Replacement Funding - 2020	\$3,000,000	Awarded	Owosso's application was scored the highest this round. Project plan submitted July 1, 2021. This is 100% forgiven loan (Booker Funding) through the state's revolving loan fund program. Dollars will be used to replace water service lines subject to LCR requirements.
EGLE Service Line Replacement Funding (2)	\$1,345,000	Awarded	This partial loan forgiveness funding is tied to the application above. This project involves more LSR replacements coupled with the replacement of the Center St water main and rehabilitation of the water system elevated towers. This opportunity is 30% Booker forgivable. Remainder of this project will need ARPA funding to complete.
FEMA SCBA Grant - 2022	\$250,000	Denied	This grant replaces the OFD's breathing apparatuses. This is the second year we have been denied.
FEMA Radio Grant - 2021	\$1,200,000	Denied	This grant was in conjunction with other municipalities to replace OFD's radio units.
Federal COPS Grant - 2022	\$582,875 over 3 years	Denied	This grant funds up to 3 new police officer positions for 3 years. If awarded, the city would be required to continue funding these positions for an additional year.
Saginaw WIN Grant - 2020	\$10,500	Awarded	To help fund the Middle School area kayak launch.
Safe Routes to School - 2022	\$600,000	Awarded	Work scope includes constructing ADA compliant sidewalk ramps at various locations within the city along with constructing new sidewalks primarily in the Middle School area. The project is complete.
Consumers LED Rebate - 2021	\$5,460	Completed	Replace light fixtures in City Hall with more efficient LED lights
Small Urban Grant - 2022	\$375,000	Denied	Reconstruct Chipman St from Beehler to M-21.
MEDC WRI Grant - 2021	\$1,600,000	Denied	Replace water main, streets, and LSLs on Center, Clyde, Huron, Lynn, and Milwaukee Streets. 25% match required.
MCACA Grant - 2020	\$82,500	Denied	Replace library AC, Library steam pipes, Gould House heat and AC, and Castle boiler. Required \$82,500 match. Will know in September, 2021 if we are awarded.
Small Urban Grant - 2019	\$375,000	Awarded	Reconstruct Gould St from Oliver to Moore.
T-Mobile Hometown Grant - 2020	\$45,300	Denied	Possibly help fund the Middle School Kayak Launch project so no millage money would be needed to complete the project. This would add to the Saginaw WIN Grant already awarded.
Wellhead Protection Grant - 2021	\$52,000	Denied	Fund wellhead educational activities, groundwater audit, wellhead protection software, and update the city's wellhead plan.
Consumers Tree Planting Grant - 2022	\$2,600	Awarded	Consumers Energy's tree planting grant program to assist with annual fall tree planting in 2022.
MDOT RR Grade Crossing Grant – Woodlawn	\$108,621	Denied	Replace RR crossing at Woodlawn Ave. Funding: 60% MDOT/40% RR
MDOT RR Grade Crossing Grant – Chestnut - 2023	\$81,765	Denied	Replace RR crossing at Chestnut St. Funding: 60% MDOT/40% RR
MDOT RR Grade Crossing Grant – Cedar - 2022	\$181,653	Awarded - 2021	Replace RR crossing at Cedar St. Funding 60% MDOT/40% RR

MDOT RR Grade Crossing Grant – S. Chipman - 2023	\$112,381	Denied	Replace RR crossing at S Chipman St. Funding: 60% MDOT/40% RR
FY 2023 DWSRF – Water	\$1,011,250	Awarded	Replace water main on North, Lee, Clyde, Lunn, Huron, and Milwaukee St and LSRs (see below for project specifics). SCADA control upgrade at water plant. Wells at Palmer and Juniper. Fishbeck water study. Grant amount is 25% of total project cost. Remainder to be funded by SRF low interest loans.
FY 2023 CWSRF – Sewer	\$6,712,500	Awarded	Replace waste water plant treatment towers (3). This represents 50% of the cost of the project funded by grants and forgivable loans. The remainder will be funded by low interest SRF loans. Total cost now \$19 million. Due to inflation and increase in construction costs, council decided to reduce the project scope by delaying the tower replacement portion of the project
DNR Spark Grant - 2022	\$752,500	Application delayed to resolve property ownership issue.	Make improvements to the James Minor River Trail along Jerome St to coincide with future street reconstruction. Grant will fund trail improvements and paving from Washington St to the Oakwood walk bridge.
Match on Main - 2022	\$25,000	Awarded	Grant from MEDC to Aviator Jayne for business expansion.
Match on Main - 2022	\$25,000	Awarded	Grant from MEDC to Taphouse Meat Market for business creation.
Consumers Tree Grant – 2023	\$3,000	Awarded	Grant from Consumers Energy to plant 15 trees in the city right of way.
FY 2024 DWSRF (7497-01) – Water - 2023	\$1,745,000	Awarded	Total project cost (SRF loan): \$3,490,000. 50% principal forgiveness. This project will replace water main on Dewey, Young, Tracy, Grace, and W Stewart Streets. It will also pay for WTP improvements: backwash pump replacement, process piping replacement, communication and controls upgrades, and sand filter rehabilitation.
MEDC RAP Grant – DDA Downtown Lights - 2023	\$300,000	Awarded	The scope of work is street light removal and replacement including new conduit and wiring on the following streets: Comstock from Water to Park Washington from Water to Main (M-21) Main (M-21) from Washington to Park (south side only) Park from Comstock to Main (M-21) (west side only) The project is funded by ARPA funds and a RAP grant. The project is complete.
MEDC RAP Grant – Curwood Place – 344 W Main St - 2023	\$1,358,000	Awarded	This grant will pay for the rehabilitation and addition of upper story residential units at 344 W Main Street.
CIS Trail Appropriation - 2024	\$4.4 million	Awarded	Legislative appropriation from State to complete the gap in the CIS trail and make improvements to trail along Jerome St. Scope of work includes trail construction from the existing Clinton-Ionia-Shiawassee (CIS) trail termination at Smith Road to Chestnut St, bike lane installation on Chestnut St, Stewart St, and Washington St, James Miner Trail reconstruction from Hickory St to Oakwood St, and paving the Sam & Opal Voight walkway from Washington Street to the boardwalk. The project also includes rehabilitating Jerome St from Hickory St to Oakwood St. Design work is in progress by Fleis & Vandenbrink. Work is scheduled to take place in 2025 and 2026.
MSHDA NEP – 2024	\$75,000	Awarded	Assists low income home owners with eligible exterior home improvements up to \$24,000 each.

MSHDA MIHope – 2024	\$365,000	Awarded	Assist low income home owners with eligible energy efficient upgrades up to \$25,000 each. In October, 2024 an additional \$100,000 was granted to the city for being a "high performer" in the program.
EPA Community Change Grant – Memorial - 2024	\$11,000,000	Awaiting decision	The EPA Community Change Grant, funded by the Inflation Reduction Act, provides approximately \$2 billion to help disadvantaged communities address environmental and climate justice challenges. The grants support projects that reduce pollution and build community resilience. Eligible applicants include partnerships of community-based organizations with tribes, local governments, or educational institutions. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis until November 21, 2024. The City seeks to partner with Memorial Healthcare to seek \$11 million to build the first phase of equalization storage at the Waste Water Treatment Plant in an attempt to lift the 2005 consent order from EGLE.
EPA Community Change Grant – YMCA - 2024	\$11,500,000	Denied	Much like the memorial grant above, this application is for the same program only the city would partner with the YMCA for a community resiliency project. The Y is looking to address issues of climate change by better preparing the community for more hazardous weather events caused by climate change. The city's portion of the grant would pay for clean water initiatives via the construction of wastewater retention at the wastewater plant. Unlike the memorial grant, this application would add an additional city component addressing clean air initiatives with the replacement of the library's heating system. This would replace the ancient steam boiler with a modern high-efficiency hydronic boiler system.
TMF Grant — EGLE (Lead Service Line ID) - 2024	\$600,000	Awarded	The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) has established the Community Technical, Managerial, and Financial (TMF) Support for Lead Line Replacement grant. This program, with an appropriation of \$48 million, aims to assist publicly owned community drinking water systems in lead service line replacement efforts. The grants, with a maximum award of \$600,000 per proposal, prioritize communities that have not previously received funding and those with lower Median Annual Household Income (MAHI). Work scope includes investigating approximately 700 water service lines throughout the city. Water service lines will be investigated at the curb stop via hydro-excavating and inside the building at the water meter. Notification for scheduling investigations inside the building are in progress. Investigation at the curb stop is scheduled for Summer 2025.
MiNeighborhood MSHDA - 2024	\$395,300	Awarded	 The Michigan State Housing Development Authority's (MSHDA) MI Neighborhood grant program provides funding to enhance community living and directly assist homeowners through various eligible activities, including: Housing Rehabilitation: Exterior repairs such as roof replacements, siding, windows, doors, and accessibility improvements like ramps and handrails.

James Minor Trail Grant	\$70,000	Awarded	 Energy Efficiency Upgrades: Enhancements like insulation, energy-efficient windows, and HVAC system improvements to reduce utility costs. Accessibility Modifications: Interior adjustments to improve accessibility for individuals with disabilities, including bathroom modifications and kitchen adaptations. Public Amenity Enhancements: Community-wide projects such as park improvements, playground installations, and the creation of community gardens. Eligibility for homeowner assistance typically includes income limits (usually up to 120% of the Area Median Income), property ownership as a primary residence, and location within the city. Up to \$40,000 per project. Widen and resurface the James Minor Trail from Gould Street to the Corunna footbridge with DNR approved stone.
SHPO Grant for Congregational Church	\$28,480	Denied	Repair interior plaster around stained glass windows. HDC Grant. Denied when city discovered that the work was completed while SHPO was still considering grant award.
Congressional Appropriation for water and sewer plant project assistance.	\$111,000,000 (denied) \$5 million (applied)	Applied but request significantly reduced by congressional representation.	Applied for this coming US budget fiscal year to assist with improvements at the water and sewer plant. Had a discussion with Rep Barrett's staff advising that the request needed to be less than \$5 million. Revised request to include around \$4.7 million in water main replacements that fit in the congressional budget schedule and city's fiscal year.
State Appropriation request for sewer plant improvements	\$15,000,000	Applied with Rep BeGole's office	Replacement of nitrification towers at sewer treatment plant. Unclear if staff will be asked to testify during the state's ongoing budget process.
Match on Main	\$25,000	Amy's Place	DDA facilitates Match on Main Grants and were awarded \$25,000 for Amy's Place Diner.
Consumers Tree Grant	\$3,000	Awarded	Planting trees in the public right-of-way
TOTAL GRANTS AWARDED	\$33,854,374 – 53%	Grants Denied	\$15,990,442 – 47%

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS				
2024-2025 Sidewalk Replacement	The contract was extended to October 5, 2025. The focus area for sidewalk replacement in 2025 is the area bounded by Glenwood Ave, Corunna Ave, Abrey Ave, and the south city limits. The project is about 50% complete.	Fall 2025		
2023-25 Street Patching	Work scope includes patches on various streets within the city of Owosso needed for water main breaks, sewer repairs, etc. The contract was extended to November 30, 2025. Patching is in progress.	Fall 2025		
2025 Pavement Marking	Scope of work is re-painting pavement markings at various locations throughout the city. The project has been awarded to PK Contracting. Work is in progress.			

2025 Chip Seal Program		The scope of work is double chip and fog seal on the following streets: Tracy from Frederick to Stewart Ament from Lyon to Cedar Ament from Walnut to Shiawassee (M-52) Mary from Chipman to State Hiram from Chipman to State State from South to Mary The project has been awarded to Highway Maintenance with work planned for September 2025.	2025
Street Projects	Jerome: Hickory to Oakwood	Work scope includes crush and shape with asphalt pavement construction along with minor drainage upgrades. Project is on hold until funding is available.	On hold pending funding.

UTILITIES (Water and Sewer)			
Project	Project Name/Description	Status	Completed
2025 TMF Service Line Investigations		Work scope includes investigating approximately 700 water service lines throughout the city. Water service lines will be investigated at the curb stop via hydroexcavating and inside the building at the water meter. Notification for scheduling investigations inside the building are in progress. The project was awarded to M.L. Chartier Excavating. Investigations at the curb stop are in progress.	
2025 Sewer Lining		Scope of work is cured in place pipe lining on sanitary and storm sewers at various locations. The project was awarded to J&J Environmental. The first round of lining is complete. A second round of lining is planned for late Summer / early Fall.	
Lead Service Line Identification Project	Funded by TMF Grant. Will ID 700 water service lines throughout the city. Water service lines will be investigated at the curb stop via hydro- excavating and inside the building at the water meter.	Work scope includes investigating approximately 700 water service lines throughout the city. Water service lines will be investigated at the curb stop via hydro-excavating and inside the building at the water meter. Notification for scheduling investigations inside the building are in progress. The project was awarded to M.L. Chartier Excavating. Investigations at the curb stop are planned to begin August 2025.	Summer 2025
Water Treatment Plant	SCADA System - 2023	Kick-off meeting with Tetra tech was 10.30.20. Design phase completed. Included in next DWRF loan application.	In progress
Water Main Projects – 2025 Contract 1		Work scope includes water main replacement including non-compliant water service line replacement on the following streets: 1. Olmstead Street from Ward to Chipman 2. Harding Avenue from Willow Springs to Hanover 3. Hanover Street from Harding to Riverside	

Water Main Projects – 2025 Contract 2		The project was approved as part of the State of Michigan Department of EGLE 2025 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund project. Loan closing is scheduled for mid-July 2025 with construction planned to begin September 2025. Work scope includes water main replacement including non-compliant water service line replacement on the following streets: 1. Nafus Street from south end to Frederick 2. Grace Street from Cedar to Shiawassee 3. Young Street from Chestnut to Brooks The project was approved as part of the State of Michigan Department of EGLE 2025 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund project. The project has been awarded to LA Construction. Water main installation on Grace Street has begun with Nafus and Young to follow.	
S Chestnut St Rail Crossing and Westown Drainage	S Chestnut Street H&E Railroad Crossing – south of M-21	A property owner near the RR crossing is concerned with their property being partially flooded during very heavy rain events. The ditch in the RR right of way overflows and it is suspected that debris in the ditch clogs the culvert. City engineer and city manager met with RR personnel in Sept 2023 where we were informed the RR will not clean/clear the ditch but would allow us access to the ditch to create a debris catch for the culvert. If that does not work, we will have to approach the township and drain commission for a study to assess required improvements to the drainage system in the area. This project is not on the city's latest approved Capital Improvement Project. Staff met with property owners in westown and the drain commissioner in October. A 1998 study will need to be updated in partnership with Owosso Twp, County, and MDOT per the rules for "Chapter 20 cost share" county drains. City's contribution of study will be 51%.	Ongoing.
Future Water Main Projects		Projects submitted to EGLE for FY2025 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) funds for water main replacement: 1. Nafus Street from south end to Frederick 2. Gilbert Street from Mason to Oliver 3. Clinton Street from Cedar to Shiawassee 4. Olmstead Street from Ward to Chipman 5. Harding Avenue from Willow Springs to Hanover 6. Hanover Street from Harding to Riverside 7. Stewart Street from Cedar to Shiawassee 8. Williams Street from Shiawassee to Washington 9. Dewey Street from Main (M-21) to King	Bonding approved by council in Feb 2025

2025 Sewer Televising Project	The following sewers are planned for televising: 1. Ament St between Lyon and Shiawassee (M-52) – storm sewer 2. Bennett Field Dr between Lafayette and Hoyt – storm sewer 3. Oliver St and Chipman St intersection – storm sewer 4. Hickory St between King and Osburn – storm sewer 5. Park Street between Osburn and Stratford – storm sewer 6. King St and Dewey St intersection – storm and sanitary sewer 7. Sanitary Sewer Interceptor from Robbins and Main (M-21) to Hathaway – sanitary sewer The project has been awarded to MEC Underground Solutions. The first round of televising and sewer patching are complete. A second round of televising is	2025
2025 Drainage Improvement Project – North St between Chipman and Hanover	planned for later Summer / early Fall. Work scope includes ditch cleaning on the North St ditch between Chipman St and Hanover St and on the Coventry Ct ditch north of Stewart St. The project is complete with punch list and close out procedures underway.	Complete
2025-27 Water Service Line Replacement Project	Work scope includes noncompliant water service lines replacements targeting 500 locations within the City of Owosso over a 3-year time period. The project was approved as part of the State of Michigan Department of EGLE 2025 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund project. Loan closing is scheduled for mid-July 2025 with construction planned to begin September 2025.	2025-2027

WATER TREATMENT PLANT			
Project Name/Description	Status	Completed	
SCADA Upgrades	Upgrade and expand the SCADA system for the WTP and wells. Tower permit with FCC has been approved! Could take 12 weeks to hear back. Any existing or new wells can continue operation with SCADA – which could be implemented later. Standpipe radio install has been progressing with Tetra Tech and Countyline.	Complete	

PARKS/ CEMETERY/ FORESTRY/ NONMOTORIZED			
Project	Project Name/Description	Status	Completed
	CIS Trail Extension – Extend trail from Priest Rd. to City.	Scope of work includes trail construction from the existing Clinton-Ionia-Shiawassee (CIS) trail termination at Smith Road to Chestnut St, bike lane installation on Chestnut St, Stewart St, and Washington St, James Miner Trail reconstruction from Hickory St to Oakwood St, and paving the Sam & Opal Voight walkway from Washington Street to the boardwalk. The project also includes	State funding approved for M-21 route. Working with MDOT on ROW permit.

rehabilitating Jerome St from Hickory St to Oakwood St. Design work is in progress by Fleis &	
Vandenbrink. Work is scheduled to take place in	
2026.	

BUILDING AND GROUNDS			
Library	Heating System Replacement	Abandon/dismantle existing steam boiler and distribution lines. Add hydronic boiler system. Est cost: \$500,000	On Hold
City Hall	City Hall HVAC, electric service, and generator replacement	Replace RTUs, electric service panels, generator and transfer switch, and address structural issues with room below grade on west side of building. Project start in late September, 2025 due to extended wait times for new RTUs caused by the federal government's change in freon regulations.	Contract negotiated. Contract approved.
Public Safety	HVAC replacement/efficiency upgrades	As part of the city hall efficiency project, I'm also planning to propose replacement of the public safety building's boiler and heating/cooling systems. As part of the project we would like to replace most of the overhead doors, garage bay ceiling panels, foam insulate the ceiling in garage bay, and replace worn entry doors. Walk Thru with Veridus and Spicer Group to draft scope of work complete.	Congressional appropriation through USDA approved. Approved by regional office. Veridus hired as owners rep

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS			
Project	Project Name/Description	Status	Completed
	Lift Station 5 Agreement	Staff has been negotiating an agreement for lift station 5 service portions of Owosso Township and the City of Owosso wastewater users in the area. This lift station may need upsizing in the near future as it is close to capacity. Engineering studies were conducted and the Township and City have been negotiating terms.	Approved by City. Awaiting township approval.